19th March 1955]

Madras Land Utilization Order.

* 1492 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the object of passing the Madras Land Utilization Order in January 1955?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" As the Essential Supplies (Temporary Powers) Act of 1946 (Central Act XXIV of 1946) under which the Madras Land Utilization Order, 1950, had been issued, lapsed on 25th January 1955, the Madras Land Utilization Order was re-issued, on 26th January 1955 under Section 7 of the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Act, 1949 (Madras Act XXIX of 1949), so as to keep alive the Madras Land Utilization Order. The object of which is to enforce legally the cultivation of arable waste lands."

Underground drainage pipes for Avadi Congress Session.

* 1493 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether underground drainage pipes were laid at Avadi for the Session of the Indian National Congress;

(*b*) if so, the total length to which the underground drainage pipes were laid;

(*c*) the cost involved in laying the underground drainage pipes; and

(*d*) whether the Indian National Congress paid any amount to the Government for the laying of such underground drainage pipes, and if so, how much?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Particulars are not available with the Government as the work was done by the Congress authorities themselves.

" (*d*) Does not arise."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions over."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. SPEAKER.

MESSAGES FROM THE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following messages, dated 18th March 1955, from the Hon. the Chairman, Madras Legislative Council :—

' 1. In accordance with rule 130 of the Madras Council Rules, I return the Madras Plantations Agricultural Income-tax Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 30 of 1954), as passed by the Council on the 18th March 1955 without any recommendation and signed by me.